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The Sly Fox
and the Little Red Hen

Once upon a time there was a
little red hen. She lived all by
herself, in a little house in the
woods.



Near the little red hen, there
lived a sly young fox. He did
not live by himself. He lived with
his mother, in a den.

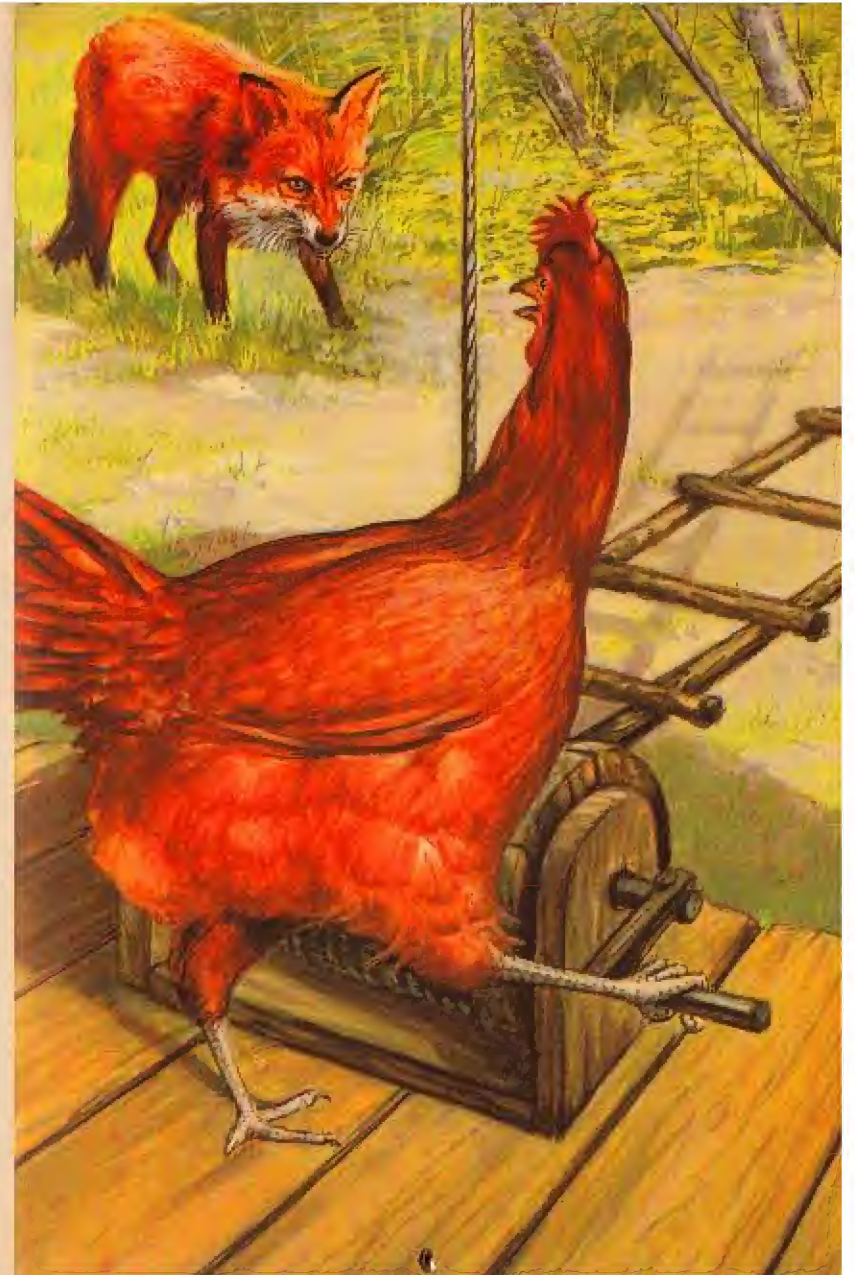


The sly young fox wanted to
eat the little red hen for his dinner.

He made all sorts of plans to
catch her. He tried many, many
times to catch her.



But she was a wise little hen.
Not one of the sly fox's plans
worked. He grew quite thin, trying
to catch the little red hen.



One day the sly young fox said
to his mother, "To-day I will
catch the little red hen. I have
made the best plan of all."

He picked up a bag and slung
it over his back.



“I shall put the little red hen
in this bag,” he said to his mother
as he went out.

“Put a pot of water on the fire,
to boil,” he went on. “We shall
have the little red hen for our
dinner.”



Then the sly young fox crept
up to the little red hen's house.
He hid himself by the side of the
house and waited.



Soon the little red hen came out of her little house. She did not see the sly young fox.

She began to pick up sticks for her fire.



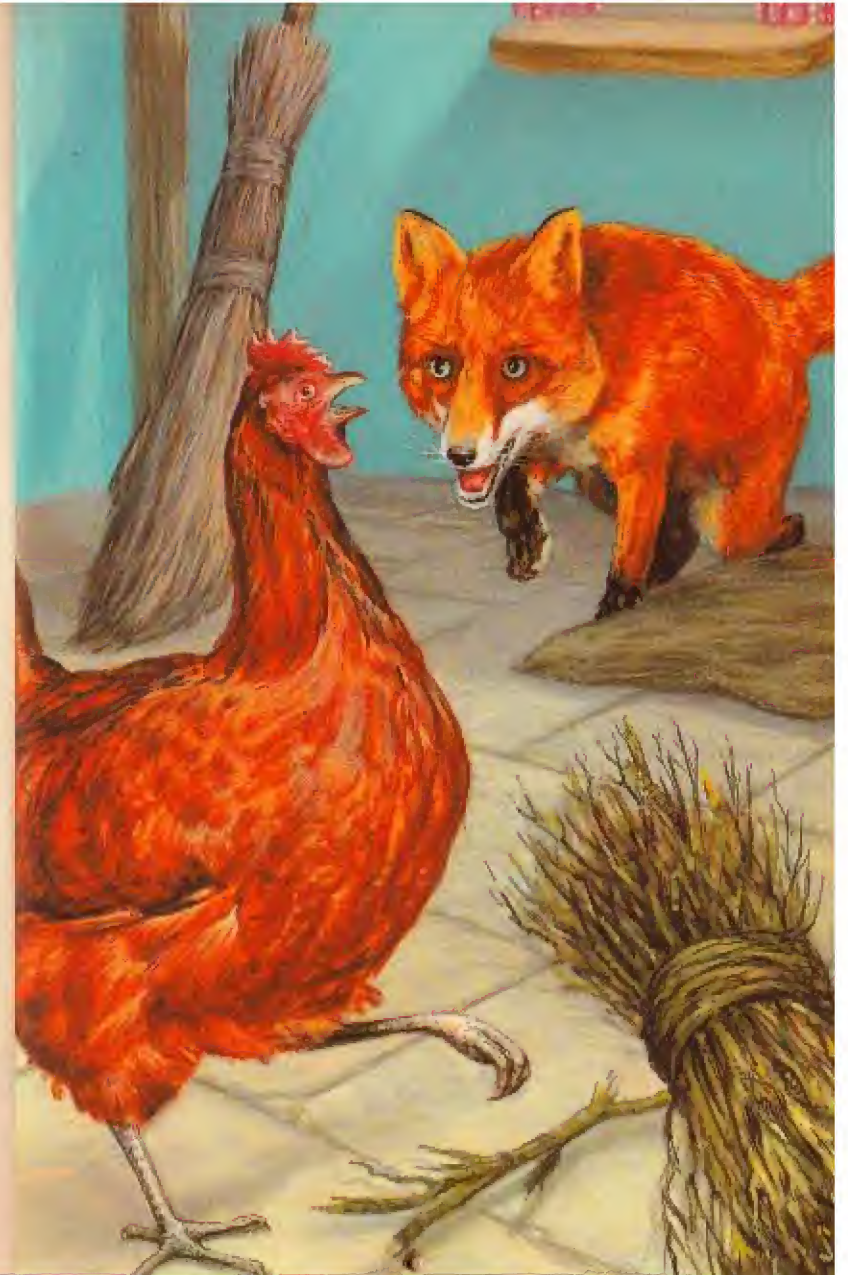
The little red hen had left the door of the house open.

When her back was turned, the sly young fox crept inside the house.



The sly fox hid behind the door.

The little red hen carried her wood into the house. She shut the door. Then she saw the sly young fox.



Poor little red hen was very frightened. She dropped her wood. Then, before the fox could move, she flew up to a high beam.



Up on the high beam, the little red hen felt safe. She knew that the sly young fox could not get up there.

“Ha-ha! You can’t catch me, Mr. Fox,” she said. “You had better go home.”



“Oh! So I can’t catch you!”
said the sly young fox. “We’ll
soon see about that.”

Then the sly young fox began
to chase his tail.



The little red hen looked down
from her beam and watched him.

Round and round went the sly
young fox, round and round with-
out stopping.



Soon the little red hen's head
began to go round and round,
round and round.

She became so dizzy that she
fell down from the high beam.



“Ha-ha!” said the sly young fox, as the little red hen dropped into his bag. “Who said I could not catch you?”



The sly young fox slung his bag over his back and set off for his den.

On the way, the fox sat down for a rest. It was a hot day and soon he fell asleep.



When the fox was asleep, the little red hen popped her head out of the bag. Then she crept quietly out.



The little red hen then picked up some big stones. She put the stones into the bag. Then back home she ran.



When the sly young fox
awoke, he did not know what
had happened.

He picked up his bag and set
off for his den. "Dear me!" he
said to himself, "this bag is be-
coming heavier."



As the sly young fox came to his den, he shouted to his mother, "I've got the little red hen, at last! Is the water boiling?"

"Yes, my son," said his mother.



Then the sly young fox opened
the bag, over the pot of boiling
water.

The big stones fell into the
water with a very big splash.



The boiling water splashed all
over the sly young fox and his
mother.

They were both killed at once.



Then the little red hen lived
happily ever after, in her little
house in the woods.

